



THE TOWERS

201 S. Main St., West Milton, Ohio 45383

SEPTEMBER 2023

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The Faith Once Delivered



I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. (Jude 1:3)

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

On Monday, September 11, we will begin our membership classes. These classes are for anyone who desires to join the church as a member, *or* for anyone who wants to join our discussion of Christian faith and doctrine – member or not. The resource that we will be using as our “launching pad” will be *“A Catechism of Christian Faith and Doctrine for the Global Methodist Church.”*

In the introduction of this work we are told, “A catechism is an educative *and* regulative formulation of church doctrine. It provides both a faith and learning tool for initiation into the full life of the church *and* a formal expression of the essential teachings that the church expects its members to understand and believe.” The word “catechism” comes from the Greek word *katecheo*, meaning to teach or instruct. For centuries, Christians have been instructed, taught the essentials of Christian faith drawing from material such as the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, and the ancient creeds of the Church.

An important emphasis in the process of catechism is recognizing that we are inheritors; we receive the faith as part of a large, ever-growing family of brothers and sisters in Christ. In other words, Christianity is not something we get to “re-invent” or “make up” each generation, as much as it is an active story we are graciously invited into by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as part of Christ’s body, the Church. Often in the history of the Church, the more novel or new a theological idea is, the more dangerous it is, and more likely it will draw us away from *“the faith that was once for all delivered*

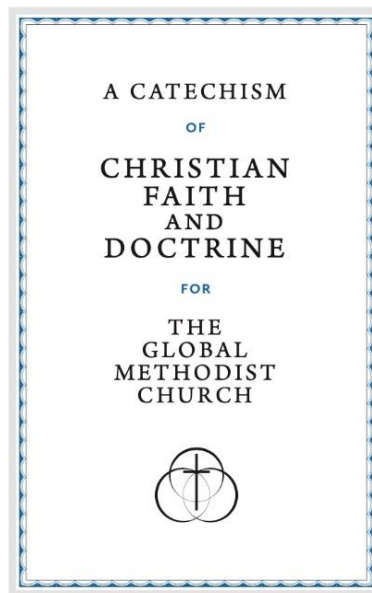
to the saints.” A handful of years ago, I was personally confronted by the realization that my seminary education and 15 minutes of wrestling over a particular issue did not give me the authority and wisdom to revise what the Church had taught consistently for 2000 years. Lord, have mercy on me.

This idea of being indebted to my forefathers and mothers in the Church of Christ used to bother me. It ruffled my individualistic feathers. Yet slowly I came to realize that while it is important to have personal relationship with Jesus, it is never meant to be solely personal or private. When we are saved and baptized, we are integrated into the body of Christ – a community that includes all those in our congregation, as well as those across space and time who are faithful believers in Christ. Our forebears in the faith, “ancient people” were not less advanced than we are just because they did not have Google and smart phones. Rather, the wisdom they offer about how to read Scripture and how to follow and worship Christ is refreshing in a time of information overload and the constant pressure to come up with something new to make our mark on the world. They remind us not to be flashy, but faithful.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2) These words from the Apostle Paul are a good reminder that “the faith” is so much more than knowing the answers. It is about surrendering and offering ourselves to Holy God, to let the truth wash over us, soak into our bones, and rewire our brains. It is about this faith being such a part of our being that it changes the way we think, the way we comprehend, the way we perceive reality. For this to happen, may we pray, be open, and be expectant that the truth as we know it in Jesus Christ *will* make us new people – people who are born again, converted, regenerated, saved, being saved, transformed, being sanctified, and made holy.

We invite you, then, to join us Monday nights as we explore and practice receiving *“the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.”*

**In Christ,
Pastor Ty**



Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Devotions were offered by Wendy Heisey. (II Cor 1:3-4), The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles. Are we comforted by others, are we proactive in reaching other's needs?
Meeting was opened with a prayer by Wendy.

Meeting Attendees

Pastor Ty, Les Trittschuh, John Ankerman, Wendy Black, Chris Long, Wendy Heisey, Kim Dohrman, Tina Mathews

Mission and Ministry

No New Business

Pastor's Report

Pastor Ty shared his family is extremely pleased to be at Hoffman Church.

Shared the Mission of the Church, "The mission of the Global Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly".

Pastor Ty shared that he will be starting a new Members Class and has already had some interest in it.

The Annual Church Conference is October 12-14 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and an Annual Retreat October 23 thru October 26. Pastor Ty will be attending both of these.

Will need to review our Guiding Principles and see what will need to be changed and updated.

Finance Report

The June report for June was reviewed. Weeks of Operation is 10.27, compared to 8.74 in June 2022. In the transition from United to the Global Church we have moved our funds to a Money Market, receiving 4.24% on our money that will be put into the Endowment Fund when the term is completed.

Nominations

No New Business

Trustees

The Trustees report was given by Wendy Heisey for David Jay. Financial report was reviewed. Going to get a quote from Ladorian Enterprise to replace the attic door and repair the three upstairs windows in the parsonage. Also need to look at the attic fan. We received a request to add handrails to the Women's restrooms in the Activity Center.

Staff Parish Relations

The staff will be reviewing and updated the Youth Director's position.

Non- Agenda items

Becky Garrett looking for volunteers for the Children's programs. She will continue to do background checks.

List of important Dates:

October 1 – Fall Carry-In, World Communion Sunday
November 7 – Election Day Dinner
November 12 – Veteran's Day Program
November 18 – Craft Show
December 2 - Church Christmas Dinner

Serving Schedule

Sep 3

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Judy B.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Jerry & Libby R.
Nursery: 10:15 Patti W. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.
11:15 Greeters: Ben G. and Janessa M. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

Sep 10

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** John & LaVerne H.
Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. / **11:15** ? & Rose K.
11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** ???

Sep 17

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers: John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** **honoring Sherynne King
Nursery: 10:15 Julia C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G. and Mallory & Maple D.
11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Ruth L. **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

Sep 24

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers: John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Nancy S. & Kathy K.
Nursery: 10:15 Jennifer K. & Jill C. / **11:15** Jennifer & Anna K. and Kim D.
11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary September 2023

3rd - Bradley Brown
Mary Ann Martens
Jim & Marilyn Mitchell (51 yrs)
7th - Paul & Sally Miller (60 yrs)
10th - Monica Studebaker
David & Dawn Jay (40 yrs)
11th - Kathy Koeller
Jaydan Lawhorn
12th - Susie Spittler
13th - Rev. Tim Benkert
Norman & Joy Paulus (64 yrs)
14th - Megan Bryson



15th - Stella Blackburn
16th - Matthew & Amanda Burns (23 yrs)
18th - Belinda Wright
23rd - David Jay
Monica Winemiller
24th - Sally Blue
Kathy Hagemeyer
Karen Randall
Michael & Amy Barnes (18 yrs)
Greg & Bev Brubaker (56 yrs)
27th - Martin & Wendy Black (20 yrs)
29th - Bethany Benkert
30th - Pastor Ty & Holly Williams (12 yrs)

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	7-23-23	7-30-23	8-6-23	8-12-23	8-20-23
General Offering	3141.00	3889.00	5505.00	4238.34	4361.00
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	45.00	190.00	220.00	165.00	225.00
Maintenance Fund	45.00	565.00	175.00	185.00	190.00
Building Fund & Memorials	5.00	90.00	145.00	100.00	158.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	80	64	82	86	84
* Remote viewing	8	15	11	8	6
11:15 a.m. Service at church	74	66	70	26(camp)	66
* Remote viewing	9	4	1	3	0
Total Attendance	171	149	164	123	156

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 100,440

Total Project Goal: \$ 109,430 Thank You!



Bulldog Bags

Mission: To provide food for students who need nourishment throughout the weekend.

Reason: We know that some student's nutritious meals only come from being at school. We want to help supplement items so that children are not hungry when they arrive at school each Monday.

Goal: To be able to find the funds and volunteers to include all students K-5th grade who need food for the weekends. This amounts to about \$46,000.00.

How it works: Once a week, on Thursday, a group of volunteers get together at the school, with the help of high school students, we package bags of food. It takes about two hours and then the food gets passed out on Fridays to go home with the students who have been approved to take home a Bulldog Bag. The bags typically include 12 items, such as cereal, Nutri-Grain bars, crackers, applesauce, fruit cup, snack items, etc.

How you can help: We are asking all congregations, groups and individuals to consider a commitment to sponsoring students for next year. You can sponsor one or more children, per month or per year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Becky Garrett (937-698-6511) or email her at ragarrett15@gmail.com. Checks/cash can be sent to Bulldog Bags, P.O. Box 93 West Milton, OH 45383. Please mark on the check- Bulldog Bags. Thank you for your help!

Sponsorships:

Sponsor 1 child- 1 month- \$19.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 1 child- 2 months- \$38.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 1 child- 5 months- \$95.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 1 child- 1 year- \$170.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 30 children- 1 month- \$570	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 30 children- 1 year- \$5130	Total: \$ _____

People to remember in prayer:



At Home: Phil Blue, Valaria Harshbarger, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Winston Klepinger, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Dick Markley, Dixie Porter, Shelia Shade, Theda Sliver, Marilyn Stickney, Jim & Kathy Watkins and Nancy Wolf

At Centers: Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd. Rm 312, Englewood OH 45322
Sherynne King, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co. Rd 25A, Rm 29A, Troy OH 45373
Freda Koeller, Cypress Point, 600 W. National Rd. Rm 118, Englewood OH 45322
Wendy Long, Trinity Center, 789 Stonybrook, Rm 208A, Fairborn OH 45324
Jennie McNeal, SpringMeade, 4375 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 307, Tipp City OH 45371
Janice Turner, Randall Residence of Troy, 2900 Corporate Dr., Rm 105, Troy OH 45373
Monica Winemiller, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A, Rm 74, Troy OH 45373

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new 9-week class, **For the Health of the Nation: An Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility**, on September 13, 10-11:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. See the article on the last page of this newsletter for more information. All women are welcome. Materials will be provided. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or email mbmitchell50@gmail.com.

Hoffman GMC Phone Directory will be updated in mid-October, if you are new to Hoffman or your address or phone number has changed in the last year, email JoAnn at HoffmanGMC@gmail.com or call (937)698-4401 and make sure we have your correct information. Thanks!

Chancel Choir

It is time for choir season to begin again. We will have our first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come join this celebration of praises to God. We will be in the choir loft on Sunday, Sept. 10. Come join the fun as we lift our voices to praise God. If you have any questions, please see or call Norman H. at (937) 698-3280 or (937) 689-4064.

Grandma's Kitchen Sept Menu

Sep 13

Spiral Sliced Ham
Mac & Cheese
Baked Beans
Watergate Salad

Sep 27

Chicken Casserole
Green Beans w/Ham
Applesauce
Ice Cream Sundae

Bell Choir

It is also time for bell choir so I am looking for people willing to ring a couple bells every week. There is a lot of fun and good fellowship at these rehearsals so come join us. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.. Anyone interested please give Norman H. a call at (937) 698-3280 or (937) 689-4064.

Plastic Bags from Kroger and Walmart only are needed to make plarn (plastic yarn) mats for the homeless and can be left for JoAnn in or near the church office. We no longer need bags for Bulldog Bags. Thanks!

Fall Carry-in Lunch

Sunday October 1
(following second service)
More details coming soon!

Global Methodist Women's Meeting

Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.
All Hoffman women invited. Special guest speaker: Ashely McCarroll, member of Troy Methodist Church. We will meet in the Activity Center. Let Becky G. know if you need child

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

Who were the first disciples called by Jesus?

Ephesians 3:20

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us.”



We are looking for:

1. Nursery Workers
2. Sunday school teachers for:
Elementary age or
Youth class

*If you are interested please reach out to Becky!!

Traditional Service
9AM

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Sunday School Hour
10:15-11:10AM

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Open Door Service
11:15AM

Children's Director: Becky Garrett
ragarrett15@gmail.com
937-524-7220



Hi all, my name is Joe Ellis and I am the new Youth Ministry Director here are Hoffman. I am so excited to be able to get to know you all and start working with our youth. This year we will be in a new series called “Already Somebody to You”, in which we will focus on finding our identities in Christ. We will be meeting on Sunday nights in the activity center from 5-7 starting this September 3rd. Our first night we will have a get to know you session, and pizza provided! We encourage all youth 6th to 12th grade to join us, and as always we invite them to bring their friends!

Youth Group Sunday
5-7 P.M. Starting
September 3rd

Youth Ministry Director: Joe Ellis
JosephKEllis24@gmail.com
(937) 405-5516



We are excited to share that school is back in session! Which means LifeWise classes are in full swing! We are *even more excited* to announce we have added our first Middle School class.

We are welcoming 6th grade students to our program!

Classes take place at Hoffman Global Methodist on Tuesdays during school hours.

K-5th first day: August 29th

6th grade first day: September 12th

Would you please join us in prayer for our students and teachers, as well as partner with us financially to sponsor our students through the year! Any amount is appreciated and allows us to share the Gospel with more students!



Visit our page at: www.lifewiseacademy.org/milton-unionoh or scan the QR Code!

Women's Bible Study for Fall 2023

'The concerns we face in the United States are great, but they are not greater than God. In creation, God called humans to a just and compassionate governance. In reverence to God and with love for others . . . Christians are to engage in the public square—not for our own sake but for the health of the nation and the world.' ~National Association of Evangelicals (NAE)

If you find current news events distressing, please join the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study as we start a new class on September 13, '**For the Health of the Nation, An Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility.**' We will consider what the Bible tells us about our responsibility to society and how to live our lives as Christians in the middle of this current culture. We will be challenged to become an active part of God's purpose as we work with those around us—family, friends, neighbors and strangers—and will be encouraged to trust that changed lives and transformed communities are possible.

This Right Now Media study was produced by the National Association of Evangelicals and includes short video presentations on the following topics: protecting religious freedom, safeguarding human life, strengthening families, caring for the poor, preserving human rights, pursuing racial justice, restraining violence and caring for God's creation.

The class will meet for 9 weeks in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10-11:30am. All women are welcome; please come and feel free to bring a friend. Materials will be provided. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or email mbmitchell50@gmail.com.

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